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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 5-14, drawn to a "teach in" process for initial examination in the present application.

The instant response is being submitted within three months of the mail date of the Office Action and, accordingly, a Petition for a two month extension of time would normally accompany such a filing. However, the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 was addressed incorrectly due to a Patent Office error in updating its customer number records. Specifically, the registration number of Brett Martin was recently associated with the undersigned's firm's Patent Office Customer Number. However, the Patent Office inadvertently changed the correspondence address of the undersigned's firm during the updating process. The erroneous correspondence address then led to this Office Action being returned TWICE to the Patent Office, and only finally received by the undersigned's firm on May 1, 2003. See attached copy of first page of Office Action.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant is clearly being prejudiced by an error that was caused by the Patent Office. It is noted that in several other similar situations in cases being handled by the undersigned's firm, the Patent Office has reset the mail date of a pending Office Action to allow for a timely response without having to resort to Petitions for extension of time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the same courtesy be extended in this case, considering the delay in responding to the Office Action was due to a Patent Office error.

In the event the Patent Office elects not to extend this courtesy and rectify its own error, Applicant requests that this response be considered a Petition for a two month extension of time that can be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1390 of the undersigned's firm.

Should there be any question regarding the disposition of this application, a representative of the Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned.

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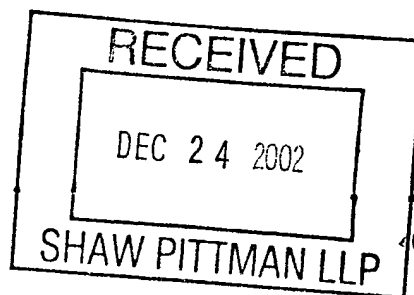
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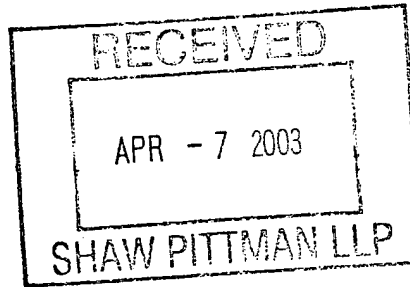
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